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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No: 7678.859

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Norbert Abels, et al.

Serial No: 10/782,487

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For: TWO-PART ORTHODONTIC BRACKET

Customer No.: 022913

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated May 14, 2004, be extended for one (1) month until August 14, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

DATED this 15th day of July, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick D. Nydegger", written over the printed name.

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